and also to identify the officials responsible for the lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Some charts and diagrams related to drilled and abandoned wells in Southern basins were reported stolen from the premises of a Reprographic firm of New Delhi, to whom these were given by the ONGC for reproduction. The papers were not of classified nature.

Reports have been lodged with the concerned Polce Station for investigation.

Shortfall in the Plan Expenditure

690. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shortfall in the Plan expenditure, driling metreage and crude production by the Oil India Limited during 1985-86;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to step up the utilisation of allocated funds, drilling and crude production according to the targets laid down in the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main reasons for shortfalls were as under:

Plan expenditure. Slippage in procurement of certain equipment and facilities, substantial discounts in some drilling contract; deferement of some projects.

Drilling metreage: Delay in clearance of project, delays in delivery and commissioning or rigs.

Productions: Reservoir and production problems in Jorajan; reduced development drilling; delay in receipt of pumps and compressors.

(c) Some of the steps are:

(i) Streamlining of equipment procurement procedures.

(ii) Retaining an internationally reputed agency for the reservior and production problems at Jorajan.

(iii) Efforts for expediting investment approvals.

Fall in International Prices of Crude Oil

691. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the fall in the international prices of crude oil during the last one year especially after April, 1986;

(b) whether India will be benefited financially by the falling prices of crude oil and if so, the extent of the estimated savings in foreign exchange thereby; and

(c) whether this would affect our own production of crude oil in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The international prices of crude oil has fallen sharply from December, 1985 onwards. The fall in the prices of crude have been form $26.00/bbl — $28.00|bbl in December, 1985 to $10.00|bbl to $12.00/bbl. in April, 1986 and $8.00/bbl $10,000/bbl as of now, depending upon the type of crude.